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SCHOOL FINANCE MEMORANDUM 07-002

TO: Charter School Administrators, Directors and Principals

FROM: Philip Williams, Deputy Associate Superintendent of School Finance

DATE: July 14, 2006

SUBJECT: July 15, 2006 Basic Calculation for Equalization Assistance Report (CHAR 55-1) and Equalization Assistance Detail Report (CHAR 64-1)

The July 2006 charter apportionment is complete. All eligible charter schools were paid based on the estimated counts submitted by 5:00 pm on June 28th, 2006. The equalization assistance reports (CHAR55-1 and CHAR64-1) for your charter school are posted on your charter school's home page on the ADE School Finance web site at <http://www.ade.az.gov/districts>. If you need help finding or viewing these reports please contact the Arizona Department of Education, Support Center at (602) 542-7378 or toll free at (866) 577-9636.

The following legislative changes that have affected the charter's equalization for FY2007:

- The Base Support Level has been increased to \$3,133.53, \$72.51 of this dollar amount is to be expended on salary and benefit increases for non-administrative personnel.
- The Additional Assistance amounts have been increased to \$1,387.25 for K-8 and \$1,617.81 for 9-12.
- A Base Support Level Adjustment has been made to on page two of the CHAR55-1 report for the increased Kindergarten weight, this amount will eventually be calculated on page one under Add-Ons.
- The support level weights for MDSSI, OI-SC, and ED-P have all been increased.

For further information on the above mentioned legislative changes, please see Laws 2006, HB2874, Chapter 353 at <http://www.azleg.gov/FormatDocument.asp?inDoc=/legtext/47leg/2R/laws/0353.htm> and USFRCS Memo #66 at <http://www.auditorgen.state.az.us/ASD/PDF/Charter%20Schools/USFRCS%20Memo%2066.pdf>.

In the event that you did not receive a July 2006 payment, this may be due to:

- Missing or late submission of estimated enrollment data.
- Missing or late submission of M&O Deduct form.
- Banking information not submitted to the Arizona State Treasurer's Office.
- Missing or late data submitted to the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools.

If you have any concerns regarding your equalization calculation or payments please contact Alane Wilcox (602) 542-8253 or by email at Alane.Wilcox@azed.gov.

All charter schools, regardless of sponsorship, must submit all student detail data to ADE using an approved electronic format for each charter site. It is the responsibility of each charter school to verify that the Charter School Enrollment Summary reports accurately reflects the data submitted.

Please check the submission status of your proposed budgets, adopted budgets and budget worksheets. Per A.R.S. 15-901 (E), budgets must be submitted electronically to the Arizona Department of Education by July 18, 2006. Instructions for checking the submission status can be located at <http://www.ade.az.gov/schoolfinance/FAQs/Default.asp>. If you have questions related to budget submission, please call Rachel Arroyo at (602) 364-1990 (Rachel.Arroyo@azed.gov) or Mike Barragan (602) 542-8249 (Mike.Barragan@azed.gov).

If you have questions about student counts or other required information please contact Karla Dunn at (602) 542-8240 or by email at Karla.Dunn@azed.gov.